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Mr. Emilio E. Varanini, III Commissioner and Presiding Member California Energy Commission 1111 Howe Avenue Sacramento, California 95825

Dear Mr. Varanini:

Thank you for sending your study, "Government Behavior in an Oil Crisis--An Analysis of the Rand Energy Emergency Simulation." Anticipation of and preparedness for oil supply disruptions commands high priority here in Washington. Your study addresses some reasonable questions concerning crisis response. Most of them, however, deal with federal-state interactions and hence fall outside our purview.

The Central Intelligence Agency does support U.S. Government efforts in this vital area of contingency planning by closely monitoring foreign developments and identifying potential problems in our foreign oil supplies.

Sincerely,

Director of Central Intelligence